

REMARKS

Claims 33-63 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Entry of this response is respectfully requested since no new issues are raised and the response places the application in condition for allowance.

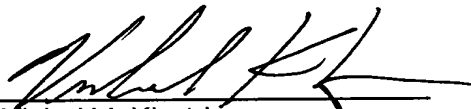
Claims 33-63 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,712,857. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicant submits that this rejection is moot.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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